

Carroll Street Pottery

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Other Names	Thomas Maddock & Sons Company; Thomas Maddock's Sons Company
Present Day Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Municipality	City of Trenton
Historic Location	106 Ewing Street and Perry Street; Perry Street near Canal; 106 Ewing Street and 94 Carroll Street; Ewing & Ogden
Years in Operation	1878-1929
Owners/Operators	Thomas Maddock & Sons Company (1878-c.1903); Thomas Maddock's Sons Company (c.1903-1929)

PRODUCTS

Tableware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garden Ceramics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockingham <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Ceramics <input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Sets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sanitary ware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hotel China <input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical porcelain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

plumbers' earthenware and under-glaze decorated tea, toilet and dinner sets, etc. (Industries of New Jersey 1882); sanitary earthenware, druggists' ware, underglaze painted ware, scale plates, etc. (Woodward and Hageman 1883); plumbing and sanitary earthenware, druggists sundries, and specialties of every description pertaining to the plumbing trade (Quarter Century's Progress 1887:278); sanitary earthenware, underglazed and overglazed decorated toilet ware, umbrella stands, jardinières (Trenton Board of Trade 1900); sanitary earthenware (Industrial Directory 1901, 1906); vitreous chinaware (Industrial Directory 1909); chinaware (Industrial Directory 1912); sanitary earthenware (Industrial Directory 1918, 1927)

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Sanborn 1874 (1886), plate 14: shown as "Carroll St. Pottery"

Sanborn 1890, plate 12: shown as "Thomas Maddock & Sons Pottery"

Scarlett & Scarlett 1890, plate 51: shown as "John Moses' Glasgow Pottery"

Lathrop 1905, plate 8: shown as "Thomas Maddock's Sons Co."

Sanborn 1908, vol.1, plate 8: shown as "Carroll St. Pottery" on Mulheron's Alley and included in the "Thomas Maddock's Sons The Moses Plant" Carroll St. complex.

Sanborn 1927, vol.1, plate 49: shown as "Thomas Maddock's Sons Co. The Moses Plant"

Franklin 1930, plate 29: shown as "Thomas Maddock's Sons"

IMAGE REFERENCES

Quarter Century's Progress 1887:278

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NOTES

"In 1872 the firm became Millington, Astbury & Maddock and so continued until the death of the senior partners when Mr. Maddock became the owner. In the early part of 1882 the facilities were largely increased and the firm became as at present, Thomas Maddock & Sons. Mr. Maddock has been connected with the establishment since its opening day, The manufactures embrace plumbers' earthenware and under-glaze decorated tea, toilet and dinner sets, etc., which are well and favorably known in the market and to the trade as highly desirable goods. The works are 100x225 feet on Carroll Street, built of brick and three stories and a basement in height. There are three gloss kilns, two bisque and one decorating kiln. Employment is given to 100 competent and experienced hands. The motive power is derived from a forty-horse power engine and the buildings are heated by steam pipes ..." (Industries of New Jersey 1882:202).

In 1882 the pottery owned six kilns and employed one hundred hands (Woodward and Hageman 1883:690).

"The business carried on prior to 1872 was the manufacture of table ware. In that year they commenced the manufacture of sanitary earthenware. Previous to this time all the sanitary earthenware used in this country was imported, and persons desiring a special style or design were compelled to submit to great delays on account of the impossibility of personal interview with the manufacturer, and many new patented articles were abandoned after many futile attempts to have them made in Europe. This firm was the first to manufacture successfully druggists' sundries,

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such as wedgwood mortars and pestles, evaporating dishes, and photograph trays, etc. etc., also the production of under-glaze decorated ware. The result of the efforts of Messrs. Thomas Maddock & Sons has dispelled that timid affectation which formerly led dealers to recommend their goods as 'the best imported,' and to encourage the consumer to purchase the best domestic articles. Another result is that the cost of the goods has been reduced fully fifty per cent. The first of the present year they found their factory inadequate to produce goods to fill their orders and they purchased the City Pottery, which had lain idle for five years. Their plant now covers a section of three blocks and is connected by an underground railroad, and is supplied with all the latest improved facilities as regards machinery, apparatus, and modern labor-saving appliances. Two hundred skilled and experienced operators are employed, and the machinery is driven by a fifty-horse power steam engine. The firm is now manufacturing extensively plumbing and sanitary earthenware, druggists' sundries, and specialties of every description pertaining to the plumbing trade ..." (Quarter Century's Progress 1887:278).

Established in 1859 and in 1900 considered to be the oldest sanitary pottery in the United States. It manufactured sanitary earthenware, "underglaze and overglaze decorated Toilet ware, umbrella stands, Jardinieres, etc." (Trenton Board of Trade 1900).

By 1882 the pottery was known as Thomas Maddock's Sons. In 1886, it added the adjoining City Pottery site. A fire broke out on original Maddock site in 1890; in 1892 there was a fire at the City Pottery site. In 1906 Thomas Maddock's Sons absorbed the Glasgow Pottery (Harney 1929).

In 1929, the Maddock company became part of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary, and by this time had moved out of Trenton. Aside from sanitary earthenware, Thomas Maddock's Sons made druggists specialties, scale plates, telegraph insulators, underglaze decorated tea, toilet and dinner sets. In the late 1970s surviving buildings at the pottery comprised six sections, four of which were connected. The main block was 200' long along Carroll St. with a rear ell about 150' long, four stories, brick with a gabled roof, projecting cornice and white label molds over windows. The building was constructed in two sections: wooden columns & beams in one half; steel structure and cast iron stilts in other. It is similar to a 100 x 100' building on Ewing Street (Abramson and Karschner 1978:8).

Today, the buildings are home to the Trenton Rescue Mission.

1880 Industrial Census

Carroll Street Pottery

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Pottery Name in Census

Thomas Maddock

Capital Invested

\$100,000.00

Number of Hands	95
Males Above 16	80
Females Above 15	6
Children	9
Work Hours in a Day (May to November)	10
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Skilled Mechanic Wages Per Day	\$3
Ordinary Laborer Wages Per Day	\$2
Total Wages in Year	\$41,600
Months in Full-time Operation	12
Months in 3/4-time Operation	0
Months in 1/2-time Operation	0
Months Idle	0
Value of Material (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel)	\$25,000
Value of Product	\$90,000
Number of Boilers	2
Number of Engines	1
Horse Power	40